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THE B.M.A. AT WORK

EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Association was held on July 15 under the chairmanship of Mr. H. S. Souttar. In addition to the members of the Executive, the chairmen of four standing committees whose business came forward were invited to attend. A satisfactory account of the finances of the Association for the first four months of this year was given by the Treasurer (Dr. J. W. Bone). Subscription revenue shows a large increase over the corresponding period of last year.

A request was considered from several members of the Ophthalmic Group that a re-election of the Group Committee should be held. The Executive decided that re-elections of all Group Committees shall take place as soon as the Annual Representative Meeting is over. The Groups, of which there are nine, held their last elections mostly in 1938. Some fresh nominations were made to the committee recently set up to consider Association machinery, certain of those first nominated finding themselves unable to serve. On the request of a member of the Association, the Executive considered again the Council's decision that alien doctors who have been admitted to restricted registration are not entitled to membership of the Association, though they may obtain the *Journal* at a reduced subscription rate. After discussion, however, the Council's decision was reaffirmed.

The Medical Schools

A committee was recently appointed by the Minister of Health and the Secretary of State for Scotland to inquire into the organization of medical schools, particularly their facilities for clinical teaching and research. This committee has forwarded an invitation to the Association to give evidence, especially as to the desirability and method of linking voluntary and local authority hospitals for the purpose of medical education, the selection, appointment, and payment of the medical staff of hospitals so linked, the extent to which teachers in the clinical period should be appointed on a salaried basis, the assistance of general practitioners in the training of students, the facilities desirable for house appointments for recently qualified practitioners and for refresher courses for general practitioners and courses for postgraduate students specializing in a particular branch of medicine, and, finally, the number of practitioners who may be needed after the war. The Executive set up a representative committee to consider the evidence to be tendered, the committee including a number of members prominently identified with medical teaching outside as well as inside the councils of the Association.

A request was also received from medical students. Hitherto medical students have been represented by a subcommittee of the National Union of Students; this has not been very satisfactory in practice, and the British Medical Students' Association has now been set up to include all the students in the London and provincial medical schools. From this new body a letter was received expressing eagerness for close co-operation with the British Medical Association in matters of common interest and the hope that the latter would recognize the value of an independent representative organization which would present the students' point of view. It also appealed for a contribution to cover initial expenses, not exceeding £100 in the first year. The Executive welcomed the formation of the new body and cordially acceded to its request, also agreeing to the use of the House for its meetings and the part-time services of a clerk when necessary.

Prisoners of War

Through the hon. secretary of the Preston Division a letter was received from a captain R.A.M.C. who is a prisoner of war in Germany. Incidentally the letter stated that the writer had received the *Journal*, and as he was the only one of 12 medical men in his camp who did receive it there was a good deal of competition for its use, and the articles on State medicine in particular aroused great interest and discussion. The letter went on to suggest that the Association might do something to help prisoners of war, particularly by sending out to them necessary reference books and recent publications. The Executive on receipt of this request instructed the Secretary to endeavour to discover exactly what was wanted, and empowered him to take whatever steps were possible to meet the need. It made available a sum of money for the purchase of books for prisoners of war.

It was also agreed to take such further opportunity as offered for making the hospitality of the Association House available to medical officers of the American and other Allied forces in London.

The Executive adopted a recommendation from the Charities Committee to allocate contributions received by the Charities Trust Fund, unearmarked, during the first half of the present year, as to £1,000 to the Royal Medical Benevolent Fund and as to £1,000 to the Royal Medical Foundation of Epsom College, the balance, some £15, being passed to the Sir Charles Hastings Fund.

Diploma in Physical Medicine

Dr. C. B. Heald attended on behalf of the Physical Medicine Group of the Association to present a resolution passed by the Group Committee calling for the provision of postgraduate education in physical medicine, and pointing out the desirability of taking steps forthwith to establish a diploma in the subject. The D.M.R.E. will be discontinued as from next October, and the existing diplomas in radiology do not include anything in the nature of electrotherapeutics. Dr. Heald said that his Group Committee was anxious to eliminate any pseudo-scientific approach to this subject which might remain and to place it upon a genuine scientific basis. The Executive Committee endorsed the opinion of the Group on the desirability of the scientific basis, and it was decided to reconstitute an earlier committee which had sat on this subject, so that the matter of the diploma might be brought to such a stage that active steps could be taken immediately after the end of the war.

Other business, of a routine or private nature, was transacted.

MEDICAL WAR RELIEF FUND

THIRTY-FIFTH LIST

Amount previously acknowledged, £44,377 12s. 1d., and £100 3½% Conversion Stock, and £40 3% Defence Bonds

Individual Subscriptions

£10 10s.—Surg. Lieut. S. M. Musgrave, R.N.V.R.

£5.—Dr. H. M. Boston, Salisbury.

£2 2s.—Capt. R. L. Lamming, R.A.M.C.

£1 2s.—Dr. J. H. Wright, Glasgow.

£1 1s.—Major W. Happer, I.M.S., and Mrs. Happer (10th donation).

£250.—Mufulira War Funds Committee, Northern Rhodesia.

£138 0s. 9d.—Harrow Division Unaccompanied Evacuated Children Fund—per Dr. Jewell.

£50.—Bournemouth Medical Society.

£41 4s.—Newcastle-upon-Tyne Division—per Mr. Weldon Watts (amount already sent, £428 16s. 6d.): Dr. M. L. Anderson (2nd donation); Mr. J. S. Arkle (2nd donation); Dr. R. B. W. Cole (2nd donation); Dr. T. Craig (2nd donation); Dr. G. Davison (2nd donation); Dr. E. F. Dawson-Walker (2nd donation); Dr. J. Familton (2nd donation); Mr. W. A. Hewitson (2nd donation); Dr. G. Hickling (2nd donation); Dr. D. Hopkinson (2nd donation); Dr. J. Hudson (2nd donation); Dr. E. L. Hughes (2nd donation); Dr. G. Hurrell (2nd donation); Dr. A. E. W. McLachlan; Mr. A. MacRae (2nd donation); Dr. J. A. Sacco; Mr. J. Kenneth Stanger (2nd donation).

£10 10s.—Plymouth Division—per Dr. Mabel Ramsay (amount already sent, £312 17s. 6d.): Mr. H. F. Vellacott (4th donation).

£10.—Medical Staff, Newquay and District Hospital—per Dr. Hardwick.

£6 6s.—Lincoln Division—per Mr. G. A. B. Walters (amount already sent, £206 15s. 6d.): Mr. J. Lyons £4 4s.; Mr. A. H. Briggs £2 2s.

£5 5s.—Association of Clinical Pathologists—per Dr. E. N. Davey.

£1 1s.—West Sussex Division—per Dr. C. W. Elson (amount already sent, £55): Dr. A. R. Adderley.

S. Staffs L.M.W.C.—per Dr. H. Campbell Orr (amount already sent, £73 5s.): Dr. E. H. Coleman (2nd donation).

10s. 6d.—Torquay Division—per Dr. Lattey (amount already sent, £180 11s. 6d.): Dr. G. H. Menzies (2nd donation).

Local Medical and Panel Committees

£44 9s. 1d.—County of Ayr (6th donation).

£32 7s. 10d.—Midlothian County (8th donation).

£41 2s. 6d.—Newcastle-upon-Tyne (4th donation).

£17 15s. 9d.—Dunbarton County (6th donation).

Total—£45,045 0s. 6d., and £100 3½% Conversion Stock, and £40 3% Defence Bonds

Cheques, payable to the Medical War Relief Fund, should be sent to Dr. G. C. Anderson, Honorary Treasurer of the Fund, British Medical Association House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

The Minister of Health, having considered the report of an inquiry committee and the recommendation of the Advisory Committee to which that report was referred, has decided to remove Dr. Stanley Gasson's name from the medical list of the Portsmouth Insurance Committee as from July 20, 1942.

Correspondence

War Damage Insurance

SIR,—Dr. Aldred-Brown's courage in setting out his difficulties over war damage insurance is much to be admired, and may be of great service to his fellow practitioners. But he is a little less than just if he thinks that he was insufficiently informed and warned in the *Supplement* on the matter. Not only was there the note of Jan. 17, 1942, to which he refers as "insufficiently lucid"—though if he reads it carefully he may be inclined to withdraw that criticism—but long before that there were completely full expositions by myself on behalf of the Medical Insurance Agency on Jan. 25, 1941, and by Prof. R. J. A. Berry on Feb. 1, 1941. Dr. Aldred-Brown's plight, and that of his friends in Bath, is mainly due to his failure to heed the constant advice tendered to him and to the profession to do all their insurance of every kind solely through the M.I.A., the *raison d'être* of which is to protect their interests.

Only recently I was explaining this principle to an intelligent young physician, qualified 8 or 9 years; he said, when I had finished, "Why have I never been told all this before?" I had to point out that he had received a circular after his registration, another with every annual subscription notice from the B.M.A., a monthly whole-page advertisement (until the recent paper shortage) in the *B.M.J.*, and other forms of publicity as well; he simply had taken no notice, in which he followed the example of about two-thirds of the profession.

Incidentally, Dr. Aldred-Brown is not quite accurate in his illustration of the application of "average" in case "Y." The official ruling on this point reads as follows: "If the total value of the interest of the insured in the property insured at the time any loss is incurred shall exceed the sum hereby insured, the insured shall be considered to be his own insurer for the excess and shall bear a rateable share of the loss accordingly."—I am, etc.,

HENRY ROBINSON, M.D.,
Hon. Secretary, M.I.A.

SIR,—I regret to see from Dr. Aldred-Brown's letter in the *Supplement* of July 18 that he and some of his colleagues in Bath "have committed the error of either inaccurately or inadequately insuring our effects against war damage." Warning that, given war damage, such financial loss might be suffered in the way indicated by Dr. Aldred-Brown was published in the *Supplements* of Jan. 25 and Feb. 1, 1941, by Dr. Henry Robinson and myself, and the steps to be taken were indicated in my letter. I need hardly say that I do not write now in any spirit of "I told you so," but rather to support Dr. Aldred-Brown in his plea to all medical men to take, if they have not already done so, the appropriate steps now.—I am, etc.,

Bristol, 9. RICHARD J. A. BERRY.

The Home Secretary announces that Dr. Gerald Patrick McCarthy of Belfast is no longer authorized to be in possession of or to supply any dangerous drugs.

H.M. Forces Appointments

ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

Acting Surg. Lieut.-Cmdr. J. A. Shepherd to be Surg. Lieut.-Cmdr.

Surg. Lieut. G. A. Hart to be Surg. Lieut.-Cmdr.

Prob. Temp. Surg. Lieuts. J. H. Hazeldene, R. St. J. R. Johnston, G. J. W. Ollerenshaw, and C. A. Cheatle to be Temp. Surg. Lieuts.

ARMY

Col. S. J. Barry, late R.A.M.C., has retired on retired pay.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Lieut.-Col. (temp. Col.) W. Foot, M.C., to be Col.

Major (acting Col.) G. D. Gripper to be Lieut.-Col.

Lieut.-Col. W. Bruce, O.B.E., having attained the age for retirement, is retained on the Active List, supernumerary to the establishment.

Major (temp. Lieut.-Col.) C. L. Emmerson to be Lieut.-Col.

Major (temp. Lieut.-Col.) F. A. R. Hacker to be Lieut.-Col.

Lieut.-Col. G. W. G. Hughes, D.S.O., R.A.M.C., ret., has reverted to the rank of Major at his own request, whilst employed during the present emergency.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Majors W. W. Pratt and J. R. S. Mackay, having attained the age limit of liability to recall, have ceased to belong to the Reserve of Officers.

War Subs. Capt. M. Edwards has ceased to belong to the Reserve of Officers on account of ill-health and is granted the rank of Major.

TERRITORIAL ARMY, R.A.M.C.

Lieut.-Col. R. C. Clarke, O.B.E., T.D., having attained the age limit, has relinquished his commission and retains his rank.

Supern. for Service with Aberdeen Univ. Senior Training Corps (Med. Unit).—L. Schwartz to be Lieut.

Supern. for Service with Birmingham Univ. Senior Training Corps (Med. Unit).—J. A. Barclay to be Lieut.

LAND FORCES: EMERGENCY COMMISSIONS

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Capt. T. S. Eddy has relinquished his commission.

War Subs. Capts. J. Paxton and A. B. Hay have relinquished their commissions on account of ill-health and are granted the rank of Capt.

Lieuts. J. Gilmore and R. P. Young have relinquished their commissions on account of ill-health and retain their rank.

To be Lieuts.: L. I. Burrows, L. S. Davies, K. D. Keele, A. R. Adderley, H. G. E. Arthure, F. Barasi, C. Borg, W. I. Card, D. Y. Carter, M. C. Chapman, L. C. F. Chevens, H. P. Clark, A. B. Cooper, R. P. Coxon, J. D. Cronin, G. H. Ellis, J. A. P. Evans, A. D. Everett, R. J. Furlong, H. Gimpelson, B. W. Goldstone, C. J. Gordon, H. F. Griffiths, S. J. Hopkins, A. B. Kinnier-Wilson, S. E. Knowles, R. K. Levick, M. G. Langdon, R. A. Lattey, C. J. Longland, C. W. Marshall, W. R. Merrington, R. B. Morton, H. R. B. Norman, B. H. Page, J. W. Piper, N. L. Probert, H. S. K. Sainsbury, K. G. Seager, D. W. G. Smith, J. R. Squire, G. S. Steele-Perkins, D. L. McK. Stewart, E. M. Thorn, H. A. Thorner, J. Y. Walker, J. G. Warren, W. W. Wiggins-Davies.

WOMEN'S FORCES

EMPLOYED WITH THE R.A.M.C.

The following M.O.s have been granted commissions in the rank of Lieut.: Esme G. Shipp, Mary R. Paterson.

ROYAL AIR FORCE

Wing Cmdr. H. S. C. Starkey, O.B.E., retains the rank of Group Capt. on reverting to the retired list.

Mrs. M. I. Abelson, M.O. with the relative rank of Fl. Lieut., has resigned her commission.

Mrs. P. G. Stevenson, M.O. with the relative rank of Flying Officer, has resigned her commission.

To be M.O.s (Emergency) with the relative rank of Flying Officer for employment with the R.A.F.: Mrs. Caroline E. Nicholson, Miss Constance J. Pollard.

ROYAL AIR FORCE VOLUNTEER RESERVE

D. N. Parfitt to be Squad. Ldr. (Emergency).

Fl. Lieut. A. B. Sproule has resigned his commission and retains the rank of Squad. Ldr.

Fl. Lieut. H. J. Ross has relinquished his commission on account of ill-health and retains the rank of Squad. Ldr.

To be Fl. Lieuts. (Emergency): F. S. A. Doran, J. R. Byars.

Flying Officers F. J. S. Chapman, C. G. Fagg, T. A. H. Adkins, H. E. Walker, F. S. Shepherd, C. E. Thomas, J. Wilson, E. S. Frazer, M. T. Gallagher, R. G. P. Heard, T. Hepburn, K. Harrison, E. O. C. Parsons, P. B. Willan, T. F. Stewart to be War Subs. Fl. Lieuts.

To be Flying Officers (Emergency): C. L. Alderson, S. Y. MacKechnie, D. V. Martin, J. Perry, R. A. Sandison, K. S. Southam, I. I. Thomas, J. Timothy, R. Varley, D. Jaboor, A. Jamieson, A. Johnston, G. F. Magurran, G. E. McFall, E. Moorhouse, P. S. Robinson, M. F. M. Ryan, J. W. Smith, R. W. Stevenson, M. Adams, C. H. Bartley, M. Donnelly, R. S. Henderson, P. Henson, R. C. Howard, W. E. Lishman, W. Moonie, G. B. S. Pimblett, F. S. Rickards, Stansfield.

R.A.F.V.R.: DENTAL BRANCH

G. M. Woolford, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., L.D.S., to be Flying Officer (Emergency).

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE

Lieut.-Col. K. S. Thakur has retired.

Majors M. Taylor, O.B.E., F. R. W. K. Allen and W. Lawie to be Lieut.-Cols.

Capts. C. F. Garfit, F. W. Whiteman, W. Mackie, S. Ahmud, T. F. O'Donnell, H. B. Wright to be Majors.

EMERGENCY COMMISSIONS

To be Lieuts.: A. Gray, Isabel D. Patterson, D. A. K. Carnegie, Mary A. C. MacHugh.

ARMY IN INDIA RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Lieut. R. M. Hawes has ceased to belong to the Reserve on account of ill-health.

COLONIAL MEDICAL SERVICE

The following appointments are announced: J. Crabb, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., and K. E. A. Ground, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Medical Officers, Nigeria; C. C. H. B. Sparrow, M.B., Ch.B., Medical Officer, British Honduras.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

ELECTION OF 22 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL BY GROUPED BRANCHES IN THE BRITISH ISLES

As a result of the nominations received for Group H and Group O, the following have been elected Members of Council for the session 1942-3: H. R. Frederick (Port Talbot, Glam.); P. Martin Brodie (Edinburgh).

Branch and Division Meetings to be Held

KENSINGTON DIVISION.—At British Postgraduate Medical School, Ducane Road, W., Tues., August 4, 8.30 p.m. General meeting to conclude discussion on Interim Report of Medical Planning Commission.

POSTGRADUATE NEWS

A series of special postgraduate lectures, arranged under the auspices of the Honyman Gillespie Trust to take place in the West Medical Theatre of Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, began on July 23. Other lectures will be given on Thursdays, Aug. 27, and Sept. 10, 17, and 24, at 4.30 p.m. The lectures are open to all graduates and senior students. Details will be published in the postgraduate diary column of the *Supplement* week by week.

WEEKLY POSTGRADUATE DIARY

BRITISH POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL, Ducane Road, W.—*Daily*, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Medical Clinics, Surgical Clinics and Operations, Obstetrics and Gynaecological Clinics and Operations. *Daily*, 1.30 p.m., Post-mortems. *Tues.*, 10 a.m., Paediatric Clinic; 11 a.m., Gynaecological Clinic. *Wed.*, 11.30 a.m., Conference (Medical). *Thurs.*, 2 p.m., Dermatological Clinic. *Fri.*, 12.15 p.m., Conference (Surgical); 2 p.m., Conference (Gynaecological); 2 p.m., Sterility Clinic.

ROYAL NATIONAL THROAT, NOSE, AND EAR HOSPITAL.—*Fri.*, 4 p.m. Mr. J. C. Hogg: Nasal Obstruction.

APPOINTMENTS

HOPPER, MARY C., M.B., B.S., Deputy Medical Superintendent, South Middlesex Fever and Emergency Hospital.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, & DEATHS

The charge for inserting announcements under this head is 10s. 6d. This amount should be forwarded with the notice, authenticated with the name and address of the sender, and should reach the Advertisement Manager not later than first post Monday morning to ensure insertion in the current issue.

MARRIAGE

NELIGAN—BELL.—On July 18, 1942, at Oxford, Gerald Anthony Neligan, M.B., B.Ch.(Oxon), to Marley Constance Bell.

DEATH

HAMILTON.—Florence May, dearly beloved and courageous wife of Lieut.-Col. W. R. D. Hamilton, R.A.M.C., died as a result of enemy action in Malta on July 13.